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**HOUSTON, TEXAS, October 3, 2007**— Alpheus Communications, operator of datacenters and an extensive fiber optic network across Metro Texas, announced today that it has begun selling new product solutions utilizing carrier-class Ethernet technologies. These solutions will allow Alpheus customers to bypass more expensive and slower legacy network protocols used for local access.

To help customers lower operating costs, enhance scalability, and develop flexible network options, Alpheus deployed a core Multi Protocol Label Switching ("MPLS") network that is redundant and carrier grade. To compliment this network, Alpheus developed a last-mile Ethernet tool kit that utilizes Ethernet over copper, Ethernet over NxT1 and Ethernet over wireless technologies. Alpheus worked with leading vendors to develop these products, specifically, Foundry Networks for the MPLS core, Ceterus Networks for NxT1, Hatteras Networks for Ethernet over Copper, and DragonWave for Ethernet over wireless.

"We utilize the inherent speed and versatility of Ethernet to meet the needs of our enterprise and carrier customers alike," said Francisco Maella, Chief Operating Officer of Alpheus. Ethernet addresses a wide range of Layer 2 networking needs, including point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, and any-to-any Wide Area Network ("WAN") connectivity.

Today's IT managers are turning to Ethernet as a platform for the convergence of Internet, data, voice and video. Ethernet is also being widely adopted as the transport architecture of choice. Maella continued, "Ethernet has the power to span metropolitan and regional footprints with highly scalable solutions, removing the longstanding bottleneck between the local area network and the wide area network."

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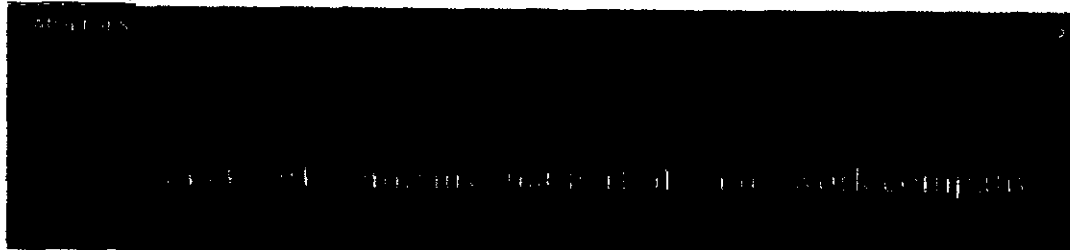
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Alpheus provides DS1 through OC192 connectivity, Gigabit Ethernet and managed waves across a competitive, carrier-grade, deep metro Texas fiber network, with facilities in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin & Corpus Christi. We offer colocation, data center and DIA services with cross connection to most wireless providers, AT&T and major Competitive Access Providers.

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### American Fiber Systems Deploys Atrica's Carrier Ethernet Platform

Operator Leverages Atrica Platform to Change the Competitive Carrier Business Model with Expanded Service Offerings and Improved Margins; Uniquely Offers Comprehensive, 50ms-Protected, SLA-Backed Ethernet Service Portfolio to Carriers and Large Enterprises

Santa Clara, CA – Under Embargo Until June 14, 2007 – American Fiber Systems (AFS), a provider of metropolitan fiber optic network infrastructure and wholesale transport services, has deployed Atrica's Carrier Ethernet platform to cost-effectively meet the burgeoning demand for advanced Ethernet Transport Services from carriers and large enterprises in its target markets. With over 1,200,000 miles of its own high-capacity, high-bandwidth metropolitan fiber optic cable, AFS provides Ethernet, wavelength, and TDM private line services, as well as dark fiber infrastructure, to operators and large enterprises in nine U.S. metro markets, including Atlanta, Cleveland, Kansas City, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Nashville, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Reno, and Boise.

AFS wanted an infrastructure solution that would give it clear a competitive advantage in its target markets. After a thorough evaluation of its options, AFS selected the Atrica Carrier Ethernet platform for its ability to deliver end-to-end 50ms protection, flexible bandwidths for both Committed Information Rate (CIR) and Excess Information Rate (EIR) services, and differentiated service offerings based on Quality of Service (QoS). AFS was also impressed with the

Atrica solution's sophisticated, easy to use, end-to-end provisioning and network management process as well as its guaranteed Service Level Agreements (SLAs), rapid time-to-service capabilities, and the reduced CapEx and OpEx it offers.

Supporting point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, and multipoint-to-multipoint, the carrier-class Atrica infrastructure enables AFS to deliver a comprehensive set of Ethernet Transport Services, including Ethernet Private Line Service (EPL - a dedicated, point-to-point service with capacity from 50 Mb to 1 Gb, in increments of 1 Mb), Ethernet Virtual Private Line Service (EVPL - which also provides point-to-point connectivity. A switched service, EVPL allows management of bandwidth, traffic handling characteristics and route destination), and Ethernet Virtual LAN Service (EVLAN - like virtual private line, only providing multi-point connectivity. This switched service enables management of bandwidth, traffic handling characteristics and route destination.). With the flexibility of the Atrica Carrier Ethernet platform, AFS can offer different SLAs based on particular Enterprise applications.

"This agreement is an illustration of how leading North American competitive carriers are embracing Carrier Ethernet technology as a proven method for expanding service portfolios and improving margins," said Eve Griliches, Program Manager for IDC. "Key vertical markets such as Financial Investments, Research and Education, Healthcare and large enterprises are looking to Ethernet services for their mission-critical applications. Competitive carriers are responding to these demands with innovative service offerings that deliver carrier-class protection and a range of QoS and SLA options over Ethernet."

AFS has deployed Atrica's full carrier-class Carrier Ethernet product suite, including the A-8100 Carrier Ethernet Core Switch, A-4100 Carrier Ethernet Aggregation Switch, the A-2140 Carrier Ethernet Edge Switch, and the A-100, A-210, and A-1180 Carrier Ethernet Demarcation devices, as well as the Atrica Service Platform for Ethernet Networks (ASPEN™), an integrated service provisioning and management system.

"With Atrica's Carrier Ethernet platform, we are cost-effectively bringing Ethernet to the WAN, and are giving our customers highly scalable, highly reliable, easy to understand, flexible Ethernet Transport Services with guaranteed SLAs and a variety of QoS levels," said Dave Rusin, Founder and CEO of AFS. "In Atrica, we found a partner whose customer service mirrored our own - a company committed to working closely with us to enable not only our success, but the success of our customers."

"The market for Carrier Ethernet has definitely arrived," said Vivek Ragavan, president and CEO of Atrica Inc.

"Forward-thinking competitive carriers are embracing Carrier Ethernet as a tool for securing market share with unique, differentiated services. We are proud to be helping a market innovator such as AFS expand its success with a broad line of advanced Ethernet Transport Services."

#### About American Fiber Systems

American Fiber Systems provides metropolitan fiber optic network infrastructure and wholesale transport services to carriers and large enterprises. AFS enables it's customers to easily and reliably connect to a city's most important points of communications presence, including ILEC central offices and wire centers; CLEC PoPs; Internet Service Provider (ISP) and data center locations; Inter-exchange "carrier hotels;" wireless providers and cable company head ends; and Fortune 1000 companies. AFS has deployed over 1,200,000 miles of high-capacity, high-bandwidth metropolitan fiber optic cable since 2000 in several cities, including Atlanta, GA, Boise, ID, Carson City, NV, Cleveland, OH; Jacksonville, FL, Kansas City KS/MO; Las Vegas, NV, Lenexa, KS, Marietta, GA, Minneapolis, MN, Mobile, AL, Norcross, GA, St. Paul, MN, Nashville, TN, Overland Park, KS, Panama City, FL, Pensacola, FL, Reno, NV, Salt Lake City, UT, and Tallahassee, FL. AFS has over 500 capacity enabled on-net buildings and supports an addressable market teledensity of over \$9 billion in annualized telecommunications services. American Fiber Systems is a privately held venture-backed company. For more information, please visit our website: [www.americanfibersystems.com](http://www.americanfibersystems.com).

#### About Atrica

A technology visionary and industry pioneer, Atrica provides a full range of Carrier Ethernet transport solutions to service providers delivering Metro Ethernet services. Atrica's Carrier Ethernet product suite combines the benefits of Ethernet technology - including its low-cost, proven scalability, ease of management, and ubiquity in the enterprise market - with innovations in traffic engineering, service management and scalability to meet the stringent demands of next-generation transport networks. With Atrica's Carrier Ethernet solutions, service providers can deliver the ultimate broadband triple play services experience to their business and residential customers over a single universal transport network, with guaranteed SLAs, sub-50ms network-wide resiliency, TDM traffic support, and point-and-click, centralized OAM&P. Privately held, Atrica has received funding from world-class venture capital firms, industry leaders, and eight global service providers. Based in Santa Clara, Calif., Atrica has R&D facilities in Israel and the United States and business development and sales offices throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia Pacific. For more information, visit Atrica on the Web at [www.atrica.com](http://www.atrica.com).

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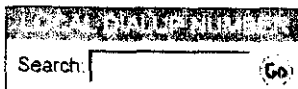
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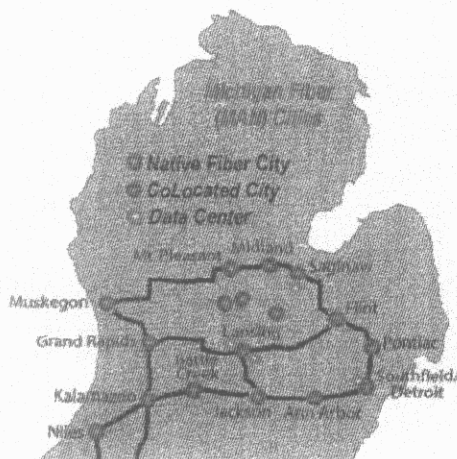
### Solutions Matrix

Benefit	Details	Speeds
<b>Arialink is Faster</b>	Connecting your business locations at native Ethernet speeds, from 1 Megabit to 40 Gigabits means connectivity between offices or business partners across town rival the connectivity speeds between offices down the hall.	Up to 40 Gigabit/s
<b>Arialink is Scalable</b>	Speeds between all locations are scalable "on-demand" - literally a click on a web page is all it takes to scale services between nodes on the network. With capacities between 1 Meg and 40 Gig, the network is finally designed to facilitate your business growth.	Start at 1 Megabit/s, Grow to 40 Gigabit/s, on demand
<b>Arialink is Simpler</b>	All you need to connect to the service is an Ethernet port. Literally eliminate racks of complicated and unnecessary equipment serving no purpose other than converting phone company technology into an Ethernet port you can use.	We give you an Ethernet port - it's that simple!
<b>Arialink is Optimized for Business Data</b>	Business networks require Quality of Service levels, packet classification, guaranteed latencies and throughput - all this and more is standard with Arialink Metro Ethernet solutions. Best of all, the features are standard without requiring your investment in expensive equipment upgrades.	Quality of Service, Class of Service, real-time monitoring and reporting
<b>Arialink is Connected</b>	Arialink Metro Ethernet is already connected to many major enterprise customers, knowledge centers (such as universities and schools) and most major telecommunications carriers. Connect to business partners, training programs, video conferencing - all with the speed and efficiency of native Ethernet. Virtual connections between Arialink MAN customers may be established by customers dynamically and nearly on-demand.	Interconnect with other Arialink ethernet customers without no further equipment or leased lines.

### MAN Market Availability

"Native" Cities refer to locations where Arialink has built or owns fiber optic networks capable of delivering native Ethernet services to customers today. We are always expanding our network to include new cities. Cities where Arialink is current offering Metro Ethernet service include the following: **Alma, Corunna, Grand Rapids, Flint, Jackson, Lansing, Owosso, Muskegon, Mt. Pleasant, and St. Louis.**

"Collocated" Cities refers to locations where Arialink is currently offering services utilizing existing Telecommunications infrastructure, converted for Arialink MAN and capable of delivering native Ethernet services today.



### Benefits for Education

Arialink has a strong expertise with inter networking educational users and the region's major knowledge centers. By connecting with the Arialink network, whether its native Optical Ethernet or traditional T1/DSL products, your interconnectivity between peers in major knowledge centers increases dramatically in speed and quality. Educational customers, such as School Districts or Higher Ed utilizing will have a direct path to the educational content offered by our partner customers. By avoiding the Internet and interconnecting between sites using native ethernet, you reduce bandwidth costs, dramatically improve speeds and quality of service.

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### Bright House Networks Announces Enhanced Business Solutions Product Line

(October 24, 2006 -- Orlando, FL) -- Bright House Networks today introduced its new commercial service line designed to benefit both large and small businesses. The new service, dubbed Bright House Networks Business Solutions, features significant enhancements intended to make life easier for business customers.

Understanding that different size businesses have vastly different needs, Bright House Networks Business Solutions includes Enterprise Services, which is designed for large and data-intensive organizations. Enterprise Services incorporates the company's full suite of technology and includes Metro Ethernet, managed networks, data protection services and direct Internet access via fiber.

The other area of focus is Small Business Services, structured to meet the unique needs of home-based, small and mid-sized businesses. Small Business Services introduces value packages that allow business customers access to such services as user-level security and automatic remote backup which are included with their broadband service without additional cost.

Bright House Networks Business Solutions also provides local support experts who understand how businesses strategically use broadband services to drive success.

"Enhancing our services to meet the changing needs of our business customers reinforces our long-term commitment to our brand promise of making life easier," said John Rigsby, president of Bright House Networks Florida Group office. "We're confident that with Business Solutions, we'll be recognized as the best business broadband provider in the market."

The changes do not affect Bright House Networks residential Internet service, which will continue to be offered under the Road Runner brand.

#### About Bright House Networks

Bright House Networks is the nation's sixth largest MSO with over 2 million customers in several large markets including Bakersfield, California; Birmingham, Alabama; Detroit, Michigan; Indianapolis, Indiana; Orlando, Florida (Central Florida Division) and Tampa Bay, Florida along with several other smaller systems in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. The high-growth Tampa/Central Florida markets are contiguous and form one of the country's largest cable clusters.

Bright House Networks customers have Digital Phone, Video on Demand (VOD), Subscription Video on Demand (SVOD) and the immensely popular, Digital Video Recorders (DVR) available to them. The company's Florida operations currently deliver nearly 300 channels to customers and were among the first in the country to offer High Definition Programming. Since its introduction, High Definition Programming has achieved impressive acceptance with Bright House Networks customers who are equipped to receive the signals.

In July 2006, Bright House Networks ranked "Highest in Residential All-Distance Customer Satisfaction in the Southeast Region," according to the prestigious J.D. Power and Associates 2006 Residential All-Distance Telephone Customer Satisfaction StudySM. The southeast region consists of nine states including Florida and Alabama. Just over a month later, J.D. Power and Associates 2006 Residential Cable/Satellite TV Customer Satisfaction StudySM found that Bright House Networks ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among Cable/Satellite Television Subscribers in the South Region," a region that consists of 14 states, including Florida and Alabama.

Exceptional customer service is the company's cornerstone of its business and top priority across all operating units. Bright House Networks local Customer Care is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, including holidays. Public affairs, social responsibility and community involvement continue as major initiatives for the company as an ongoing commitment to the families and communities Bright House Networks serves. This includes long-term commitments to education and to what matters in the lives of Bright House Networks communities.

Bright House Networks also owns and operates two 24-hour local news operations; Central Florida News 13, News 13 Weather NOW, Central Florida on Demand, and cfnews13.com serving the Orlando area, and serving Tampa; Bay News 9, Bay News 9 En Español, Travel Weather Now, Tampa Bay on Demand and Baynews9.com.

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Charter Business Optical Ethernet offers redundant fiber connections to your location and a low variation in network performance. Additionally, this service preserves your settings over our network, ensuring that traffic from different users is securely separated and uniquely identified.

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Ethernet has become the ubiquitous LAN technology for enterprises. The challenge has been when you need to extend beyond your network and into the metro area to reach other locations. Historically, businesses have had to convert their data to a different transport protocol. As the need to extend, connect and communicate has grown, businesses have asked, "If Ethernet can support me in the LAN, why can't it support me in the Metro Area Network (MAN) without sacrificing the level of performance I've come to expect from SONET? It's a great question, and we wondered the same thing. Our answer - it can!

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**Ultra Flexible**

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## ETHERNET TECHNOLOGY

*For more than 25 years, Ethernet has been in use in local area networks (LAN) and has since become the most widely-used networking protocol. Primarily attributable to its low implementation cost and reliability, its penetration has grown to the point that nearly all traffic on the Internet traverses an Ethernet connection.*

### HIGH-SPEED ETHERNET SERVICES

When The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers first designated Ethernet the 802.3 standard, networks were deployed with a coaxial cable structure and were subject to distance sensitivity. Today's technology allows Ethernet to be delivered over more efficient transport methods like category 5 twisted pair which use frequency transmission or fiber optic cables which use light transmission. Both are capable of transporting significantly more data over longer distances.

With the proliferation of the Internet and the advent of network intensive applications, Ethernet quickly rose to the occasion within the LAN, but became very costly in a WAN environment when multiple sites were to be connected.

That is, until now.

Operating at speeds of 10, 100 and 1000Mbps, industry standardization on Ethernet has enabled an extension of the LAN to distances not previously available. Expedient now delivers high-speed Ethernet services across town and across the country to satisfy the most demanding network capacity requirements.

## NETWORK ADVANTAGES

### AFFORDABILITY

From Internet Access to IP Long Distance to VPNs, Expedient's Ethernet-based solutions deliver savings of up to 50% and more compared to traditional telecommunications services capacity. Up to 1 Gbps-one billion bits of data per second.

### RELIABILITY

Expedient's network is provisioned from a redundant ring, unlike many T1 and xDSL connections which are delivered from a single point.

### SCALABILITY

Expedient delivers 100 Mbps to every customer, ensuring the opportunity for burst usage and future growth. That's 60 times faster than a T1 and 260 times faster than a 384 Kbs xDSL line.

### FLEXIBILITY

With Expedient's network technology, you purchase only the bandwidth you actually require in smooth 1 Mbps increments. There's no wasted capacity or unnecessary expense.

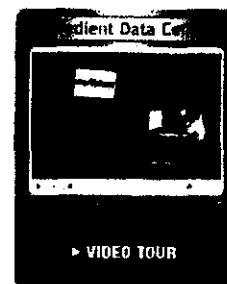
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## TRANSPORT SERVICES

# Ethernet Transport

FiberNet's new Metro Ethernet Transport services provide dedicated, committed Ethernet bandwidth to build and connect networks with unprecedented scalability and provisioning flexibility. Now customers can utilize the world's most ubiquitous and cost-effective networking protocol to transport their traffic through FiberNet's extensive network reach.

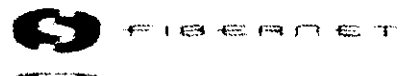
FiberNet's Metro Ethernet Transport service scales appropriately with our customers' long term network growth: bandwidth can be secured in granular increments. Once a customer's Ethernet port on FiberNet's network is installed, customers who elect burstable usage-based service plans can obtain additional bandwidth by bursting above their committed information rate. Customers who elect flat rate billing plans can have their bandwidth usage raised remotely, at FiberNet's industry-leading intervals.

With one port on FiberNet's Ethernet Network, VLAN circuits can be configured to create point-to-point Ethernet private lines or point to multipoint connections for cost-effective Ethernet hubs or VPN networks. The connections formed with FiberNet's Metro Ethernet Transport service are ideal building blocks to access and deploy applications such as Dedicated Internet Access, VoIP, and Peering. FiberNet's Metro Ethernet Transport service is a native Ethernet network that transports Ethernet traffic in its native form, so installing these applications will also reduce deployment costs while providing the highest standards of reliability.

### Benefits:

- **Scaleable, Granular Bandwidth**
  - 1000 Mbps for Gig E
  - 100 Mbps for Fast Ethernet
  - Full Line Rates: 100 and 1,000 Mbps
  - Lower Granularity on Request
- **Flexible Service Plans**
  - Burstable Billing
  - Flat Rate Billing
- **Multiple Services from One Port**
  - Tagged or Untagged VLANs
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## Delivering Carrier-Class Backhaul Services

"Our wireless network, and therefore our backhaul reliability, has substantial visibility the whole way up the company. They are the foundations that support our reputation and allow us to strengthen our brand."

FiberTower is entirely focused on deploying and operating facilities-based backhaul networks to deliver scalable, flexible and cost-effective transport services to wireless carriers. Customers can expect new service standards in backhaul, exceeding anything delivered through copper T1s. Those new standards include:

- Superior network availability, reducing outages by more than 60%
- Dedicated, local teams to deliver operational support
- Currently supporting both TDM and Carrier Ethernet technologies
- Significantly lower mean-time-to-repair (MTTR), reducing repair times by more than 70%
- On demand provisioning
- 24x7 network monitoring and visibility

Our networks are designed using our nationwide footprint of licensed spectrum and an optimal mix of wireless and fiber technologies. FiberTower treats backhaul as a mission critical component of its customers' wireless networks and every element of FiberTower's local field operation is focused on supporting that goal. Field operations teams understand the wireless business, and they are equipped to work with their customers on a friendly, collaborative basis. Business processes for contracting, facilities ordering and billing are structured to match the specific needs of each customer.

FiberTower provides its customers with complete, around-the-clock network visibility, although problems in the network are almost always detected by FiberTower's Network Operations Center (NOC) before being reported by the impacted customer.

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### LEVEL 3 INTERCITY ETHERNET PRIVATE LINE AND LEVEL 3 METRO ETHERNET SERVICES

**Level 3 Metro Ethernet — dedicated and switched — and Level 3 Intercity Ethernet Private Line services provide end-to-end connectivity to corporate enterprises across an extensive regional, national and international optical network.**

#### Sophisticated Network Users Rely on Level 3 for Ethernet Services

Our portfolio of Level 3 Metro Ethernet — dedicated and switched — and Level 3 Intercity Ethernet Private Line services provide superior end-to-end connectivity to corporate enterprises within the 116 metropolitan markets across Level 3's extensive regional, national and international optical network. Backed by industry-leading customer service and operational excellence, Level 3 delivers Ethernet solutions to our most important users: our customers.

#### Service Details

- **Bandwidth options —**
  - 3 Mbps to 10 Gbps for Metro Ethernet dedicated service
  - 3 Mbps to 1 Gbps for Metro Ethernet switched service
  - 50 Mbps to 1 Gbps for Intercity Ethernet Private Line service
- **Diversity —** Provisioned as physically diverse, fully protected network services
- **Connectivity options —** Dedicated point-to-point and switched multi-point VLAN metro connectivity
- **Monitoring and management —** We provide 24 x 7 proactive monitoring and management

#### Benefits

##### Scalability

Purchase the amount of capacity that is best aligned with your requirements based on Level 3's numerous bandwidth options across our large service footprint.

##### Simplicity and cost-effectiveness

Simplify your network by treating all connected LANs, MANs and WANs as a single network across the metropolitan area. Further simplify and reduce capital costs by replacing legacy WAN interfaces and circuits with highly-efficient Ethernet ports and services.

##### High performance and availability

Connect to our fully redundant metro and intercity SONET-based network for reliable transport of very large application data sets, such as large CAD files, digital images or video streams, while supporting multiple high-bandwidth applications across the network, such as teleconferencing, network storage backup and retrieval, and media-rich content.

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## **LS Networks Launches Mid Band Ethernet Service (CitySpeed Ethernet) in Oregon**

*Adding to the success of LS Networks' state wide Ethernet service, the company is announcing today the ability to offer Ethernet First Mile access to small to medium Oregon businesses.*

Portland, OR (PRWeb) April 22, 2007 -- Adding to the success of LS Networks' state wide Ethernet service, the company is announcing today the ability to offer Ethernet First Mile access to small to medium Oregon businesses.

LS Networks is using Hatteras Network's Mid-Band Ethernet solution to provide businesses, which currently don't have access to fiber, with access to metro Ethernet services over existing copper facilities. LS Networks will be able to connect more companies and build upon their Wide Area Ethernet (WAE) private networks. The WAE will deliver and aggregate advanced Ethernet services to retail and other business customers that are connected to the public network with copper. In addition, LS Networks is also leveraging the existing statewide optical network for backhaul and transport applications.

"While LS Networks is well known for our fiber solutions, it is not always cost-effective for the enterprise business space. Hatteras Networks' technology has enabled an alternate solution to bring the value of our services to a broader base of customers.," - said Michael Weidman President and CEO of LS Networks.

"This service is an excellent compliment to LS Networks existing Wide Area Ethernet service in the state of Oregon," said Rick Malone, Principal at Vertical Systems Group. "LS Networks is among the regional providers we're tracking due to the company's focus on delivering high-quality Ethernet services to enterprise customers."

"Mid-Band Ethernet solutions provide carriers with the opportunity to expand their offerings with higher-value Ethernet services to new business customers of any size," said Gary Bolton, Vice President of Marketing and PLM at Hatteras Networks. "By using Hatteras Networks' Mid-Band Ethernet solution, LS Networks is providing a compelling competitive offering to customers not currently connected to the fiber network."

We're pleased that LS Networks chose Hatteras HN series to supply rural Oregon business with Ethernet solutions." said Gary Bolton, Vice President of Marketing and PLM.

### **About LS Networks**

LS Networks builds and manages SONET Fiber and other ethernet networks for businesses, hospitals, government, school districts, and communications carriers. Through its Oregon and Washington network of more than 45 switches and DWDM/SONET/Ethernet routers, LS Networks uses various access technologies for building business networks. (<http://www.lsnetworks.net>) Its network coverage reaches nearly 75% percent of Oregon business addresses. LS Networks' product suite of WAE, Ethernet over SONET, VLAN, Wavelength, TDM and IP services are available in over 43 Points of Presence (POPS) in over 26 Oregon cities. Telephone: 1-503-294-5300.

### **About Vertical Systems Group**

Vertical Systems Group (<http://www.verticalsystems.com>) is recognized worldwide as a leading market research and strategic consulting firm specializing in defensible quantification of the networking industry.

#### About Hatteras

Hatteras Networks is redefining the way carriers think about Ethernet services. Hatteras Networks' Ethernet service edge solutions are leading Service Providers worldwide to a \$15 billion expansion of the Metro Ethernet market, which had previously been limited to the fiber footprint. Historically, T1s and E1s have been the fundamental building block for voice and data business services. Now, Service Providers can cost-effectively offer up to 45 Mbps Mid-Band Ethernet services over existing copper facilities, enabling businesses to migrate from legacy Frame Relay, ATM and T1/E1 connections to transparent Ethernet services for voice and data business connectivity, infrastructure backhaul and mobile wireless backhaul solutions.

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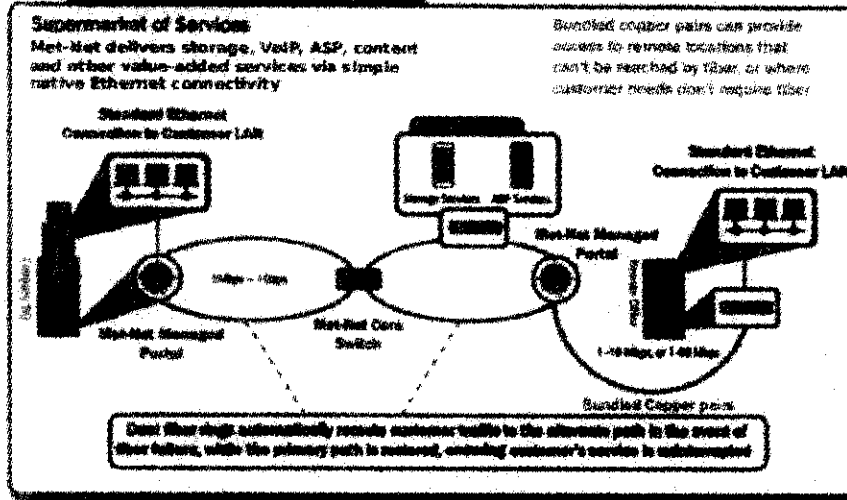
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This multi-megabit Ethernet technology promises an economical, business-class service-level solution for enterprise customers that require low cost connectivity. Met-Net over Copper lets us satisfy business bandwidth needs by simply bonding multiple copper pairs together. The technology's Ethernet hand-off eliminates the need for costly equipment installation and engineering. Met-Net offers services in bandwidths between 1 Mbps and 10 Mbps using bonded T1 technology, and up to 60 Mbps using next generation DSL technology where available. This service offers throughput, reach and delay characteristics superior to other copper approaches. Its scalable flexibility allows the bonded pairs to deliver the bandwidth range desired by the customer.

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### NEON Communications Achieves Metro Ethernet Forum Certification

WESTBOROUGH, Mass., June 19, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- NEON Communications (AMEX:NGI) announced today that it is one of the first service providers to achieve both Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) MEF-9 and MEF-14 certifications for its Ethernet service offering.

"As an active member of MEF, and a company that has incorporated MEF's best practices into our service offering, we felt it was important to have our Ethernet Private Line Service certified by Iometrix," said Kurt Van Wagenen, President and CEO of NEON Communications. "This certification provides customers a measure by which to evaluate alternatives in the marketplace and to make informed decisions," said Van Wagenen.

The MEF certification program, conducted by Iometrix, consisted of a series of lab tests and remote monitoring of NEON's service and network equipment. "Service Providers' Carrier Ethernet must pass no less than 414 individual test cases before being granted both MEF-9 and MEF-14 certifications," said Bob Mandeville, President of Iometrix testing labs.

"NEON has provided Ethernet Services to FactSet Research Systems, Inc. for many years. What this MEF certification means to FactSet is that we can trust that the service we are receiving from companies like NEON will conform to a specific set of standards, which is critical when using more than one service provider in a network application," said Jeff Young, Chief Technology Officer with FactSet Research Systems, Inc.

"Carrier Ethernet Service revenue is expected to continue to grow at double-digit rates over the next several years. The need for solid standards and supporting certification from a consensus of industry players is critical for the successful adoption of this technology," said Kevin Vachon, Chief Operating Officer of the Metro Ethernet Forum.

NEON's dedicated Ethernet service offering combines the flexibility of Ethernet with the proven reliability and high performance of SONET to create a secure, carrier-grade service. It is transported across NEON's owned and operated fiber optic infrastructure, providing unsurpassed circuit Quality of Service (QoS).

The MEF certification will be presented to NEON at a ceremony, which will take place at the NXTcomm show in Chicago, Ill. For more information on NEON's Ethernet Service call (508) 616-7842 or visit [http://www.neoninc.com/pages/22\\_ethernet\\_private\\_line.cfm](http://www.neoninc.com/pages/22_ethernet_private_line.cfm).

#### Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements

Any statements contained in this press release that are not statements of historical fact, including statements about management's beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements and should be evaluated as such. The words "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "targets," "projects," "should," "may," "will," and similar words and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements reflect, among other things, the Company's current expectations, plans, strategies, and anticipated financial results and involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and factors that may cause actual results of the Company to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: its history of operating losses and capital requirements; its ability to retain existing customers and attract new customers; its ability to achieve cost-savings and generate positive cash flow; risks associated with potential acquisitions and divestitures; and the other risks identified in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2006, as well as in the other documents that the Company files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Many of these risks are beyond management's ability to control or predict. All forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on behalf of the Company are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements and risk factors contained in this press release and the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Because of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Furthermore, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Except as required under the federal securities laws or the rules and regulations of the SEC, the Company does not undertake any obligation to update or review any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

**About NEON:**

NEON Communications (AMEX: NGI) is a facilities-based wholesale communications provider, supplying high bandwidth fiber optic capacity and comprehensive end-to-end telecom services to communications companies and enterprise customers on an intercity, regional, and metro network in the 12-state Northeast and mid-Atlantic region, with 4,800 route miles and over 230,000 fiber miles from Maine to Virginia. For more information, visit [www.neoninc.com](http://www.neoninc.com).

The NEON Communications logo is available at <http://www.primenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=3426>

**About FactSet:**

FactSet Research Systems, Inc. combines integrated financial information, analytical applications, and client service to enhance the workflow and productivity of the global investment community. The Company, headquartered in Norwalk, Connecticut, was formed in 1978 and now conducts operations along with its affiliates from more than twenty-two locations worldwide, including Boston, New York, Chicago, San Mateo, London, Frankfurt, Paris, Milan, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Sydney. For more information, visit [www.factset.com](http://www.factset.com).

**About Iometrix:**

Iometrix, founded by Bob Mandeville in 2003, builds upon the activities of European Network Laboratories (ENL), the authoritative source of network benchmarking since 1991. Based in South San Francisco, California, Iometrix has recently launched its IO Certification Test Suite for the Ethernet in the First Mile (EFM) standard (IEEE 802.3ah). Iometrix is inaugurating its IO Certification Program by testing EFM Operations, Administration, and Management (OAM) compliance. Dedicated to advancing industry testing standards, Iometrix is actively working within industry standards bodies to drive forward the adoption of industry sanctioned benchmarks. For more information about Iometrix and IO Certification(tm), visit [www.iometrix.com](http://www.iometrix.com).

**About the Metro Ethernet Forum:**

The Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) is a global industry alliance comprising approximately 70 organizations including telecommunications service providers, network equipment/software manufacturers, semiconductor vendors, and testing organizations. The MEF's mission is to accelerate the worldwide adoption of Carrier-class Ethernet networks and services. The MEF develops the Carrier Ethernet technical specifications and implementation agreements to promote interoperability and deployment of Carrier Ethernet worldwide. For more information about the Forum, including a complete listing of all current MEF members, visit [www.MetroEthernetForum.org](http://www.MetroEthernetForum.org).

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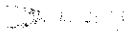
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Neo Matrix (TM) gives enterprises high-speed network access by making your Internet presence a primary point on the WAN. NeoMatrix provides local connections between data centers, while reducing resources and costs associated with designing and maintaining multiple points of presence. In short, Connection Matrix lets your presence connect to, and become, many points on the network.

- Reduced Management Overhead
- Turnkey Deployment
- Standard Ethernet Interface (10/100/1000 Mbps)
- Flexible Bandwidth
- Low Latency
- Burstable Bandwidth Services (Available)
- Wireless Option May Be Available
- Very innovative Wide Area solutions
- Rapid inter Metro deployment
- Available at many key data centers
- Integrated Network Monitoring

### Embrace Freedom

With NeoMatrix you can now get the network you need where you need it. You have both the Freedom to chose where you concentrate your colocated equipment but the ability to have a network presents where you need one and not be held hostage to realities such as no space or power being available. NeoMatrix offers a flexible solution following the Neopolitan theme for helping your business work and working to drive your companies success.

### Plug and Play Wide Area Networking

Neopolitan has established Ethernet switching fabrics in many Top Tier data centers throughout the United States and internationally. This list of sites is constantly growing. These sites are all interconnected via GigE / multi-Gig links. The innovative result for our customers is that you can simply plug into one of the sites using an Ethernet cable and instantly have a presence at any one or any combination of the other sites. This truly takes Plug-n-Play to a new level.

### NeoMatrix Key support Benefits

- Redundant service packages available
- 24/7 network monitoring and fault detection with automated alerts
- 24/7 live technical support and NOC operations

### Other Technical Details

<b>Network Coverage</b>	cities with service throughout the US and parts of the UK
<b>Customer Connections</b>	GigE, FastE — SONET and TDM as needed (DS3, T1, PRI)

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<b>Burst Capable</b>	2x commitment burst on each port.
<b>Customer View</b>	can view near real time utilization via customer portal
<b>SLAs</b>	measured industry standard supported
<b>Typical Latency</b>	(sub < 50 ms US) and sub < 75 ms US to UK)
<b>Committed Bandwidth Availability</b>	Zero Over Subscription
<b>Required Customer Equipment</b>	Minimum Ethernet Switch, No customer router needed
<b>Data Schemes/Protocols</b>	Supported Multicast distribution, IP, RIP, OSPF, BGP, IS-IS, MPLS, VPLS, 802.3 Ethernet, 802.1Q Jumbo Frames.

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## **SAVVIS Launches SAVVIS Exchange Express To Provide Lowest Latency Connectivity to Major Market Data Feeds**

*The American Stock Exchange new Depth of Book (ADOBSM) Data Feed Is the First to Benefit from SAVVIS Solution*

**ST. LOUIS – August 20, 2007** – SAVVIS, Inc. (NASDAQ:SVVS), a global leader in IT infrastructure services for financial markets and enterprise applications, today announced the availability of SAVVIS Exchange Express, a new financial network solution enabling clients to directly connect to leading exchanges to receive market data feeds and execute trades. This new service is tailored to the unique needs of the exchange applications and integrates low latency Ethernet access and SAVVIS' global high-speed private financial network.

SAVVIS Exchange Express provides Ethernet access to direct feeds from the American Stock Exchange (Amex®) and SFTI (Secure Financial Transaction Infrastructure). The service provides lowest latency network access and a key competitive advantage to algorithmic trading applications when compared with traditional routed network topologies.

Deploying Ethernet from the customer location directly to SAVVIS' data centers removes extraneous hardware that typically creates additional delay. SAVVIS also manages the hardware at the customer premise providing 24x7 monitoring and notification. SAVVIS will be offering additional market data feeds over SAVVIS Exchange Express in the near future.

SAVVIS also announced that the Amex's new Depth of Book (ADOBSM) data feed is the first to take advantage of SAVVIS Exchange Express. ADOB is a real time compilation of all visible equity and ETF (exchange-traded fund) limit orders resident in the Amex (AEM1SM) system central limit order book. Based on its proximity in SAVVIS' New York data center, SAVVIS offers the lowest latency possible for the ADOB data feed.

"Our successful integration with SAVVIS' new Exchange Express Services supports the Amex's strategy to offer our depth of book through a low latency and reliable distribution model, while leveraging a broad global distribution network through a trusted IT infrastructure partner," said Oscar N. Onyema, SVP & Chief Administrative Officer, Amex.

In addition, SAVVIS' highly secure and resilient network will help Amex meet strict compliance and reliability requirements and ensure fast, robust, scaleable and safe delivery of its proprietary services.

"Direct access to market data feeds with the lowest latency – whether it is achieved by access method, proximity, or a combination of both – continues to be a high priority for trading firms," said Tom Price, Senior Analyst at the Tower Group. "Electronic trading has evolved to the point where "low" latency clearly translates to lower risk for the investor and higher competitive advantage for the firms they trade with."

In addition to the low latency Ethernet access included in SAVVIS Exchange Express, SAVVIS provides secure, high-availability, direct connectivity to more than 125 real-time data feeds from over 20 of the world's top exchanges, Electronic Communications Networks (ECNs), Alternative Trading Systems (ATS), and liquidity pools, such as the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), NASDAQ, the London Stock Exchange, and many more. To see a full list of the exchanges and feeds SAVVIS delivers, visit [www.savvis.net/corp/savvis/MarketDataFeeds](http://www.savvis.net/corp/savvis/MarketDataFeeds)

"We believe SAVVIS Exchange Express establishes a new benchmark for low latency access to direct market data feeds and we are pleased that Amex selected our service to deliver its new depth of book feed," said Varghese Thomas, Vice President and General Manager of Financial Markets for SAVVIS. "Exchange Express represents another step forward in SAVVIS' commitment to provide the most comprehensive portfolio of low latency connectivity solutions to the most important trading venues in the world."

### **About SAVVIS**

SAVVIS, Inc. (NASDAQ: SVVS) is a global leader in IT infrastructure services for business

applications. With an IT services platform spanning North America, Europe, and Asia, SAVVIS leads the industry in delivering secure, reliable, and scalable hosting, network, and application services. These solutions enable customers to focus on their core business while SAVVIS ensures the quality of their IT systems and operations. SAVVIS' strategic approach combines virtualization technology, a global network and 23 data centers, and automated management and provisioning systems. For more information about SAVVIS, visit [www.savvis.net](http://www.savvis.net).

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### Etherloop Networks

Etherloop Networks (Charleston & Columbia) FlexNet Access Service (a Metro-Ethernet Access)

Customers in the Charleston and Columbia metropolitan areas now have a new option for broadband network connectivity - FlexNet Access, Our Metropolitan Ethernet service offering provides businesses and carriers access to a flexible, highly scalable, broadband network.

Until now, businesses used Ethernet extensively in local area networks but utilized Low-speed solutions for wide area network connectivity. Our new Ethernet solution allows seamless Ethernet-to-Ethernet connections via our MPLS based network.

Our FlexNet Access (Metro-Ethernet) provides transport bandwidth from 3 Mbps up to full duplex gigabit ethernet (10 Gbps) speeds. Access to this new, exclusive broadband network is available using Scana Communications' extensive metropolitan fiber network or Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) provided copper connections.

#### Key Features & Benefits of FlexNet Access:

- Wide variety of service offerings
- Ethernet Private Line
- Ethernet WAN
- Ethernet Virtual Private Line
- Ethernet Access (Transport for Internet Access)

#### Scalable bandwidth and Access Methods:

- Utilizes SCANA Communications fiber (20 Mbs -1 Gigabit Connections)
- Ethernet over LEC copper circuits (3-9 Mbs)
- Service Inter-working with Frame relay, XDSL

#### Latest Technology:



- High Speed Optical Ethernet Services
- MPLS
- Multiple services over a single connection
- Internet Access
- Voice over IP
- Managed Router Service
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